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ROBERT E. O'CONNOR and GLADYS E. O'CONNOR,  
*Petitioners,*

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
*Respondent.*

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*Petitioners*

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JACK R. and MARIA R. MATTOX,  
*Petitioners,*

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REPLY BRIEF**

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Petitioners respectfully respond to the United States' brief filed on December 3, 1985. The Government's Statement of the case is misleading. If the case were as simplistic as the Government suggests, neither the unanimous panel of the Eleventh Circuit (in *Harris*) nor Chief Judge Kozinski of the Claims Court (in *Coplin*) would have reached the results they did. On the other hand, because the Government joined Petitioners in requesting that certiorari be granted, no need is usefully served by responding to the Government's brief point by point.

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